Earth science is a global enterprise that knows no boundaries, and the intellectual vigor of an academic department depends on its connections to the rest of the University, other institutions, and the scientific community at large. Even in the age of broadband internet, there is no substitute for direct contact to encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and shared excitement that we depend on. In that spirit, the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa welcomes applications to its Distinguished Visitors Program. We seek fellow scientists who will collaborate with our faculty, inspire our students, and share our fundamental values of integrity, openness, collegiality, respect, and broader participation.

Candidates should plan to visit for at least one month but visits of three months or more will be given priority. Visitors will give a Department Colloquium suitable for the diverse disciplines that we represent, and a more specialized seminar that allows us to benefit from their expertise. They will meet with our graduate students and junior researchers for a catered lunch organized by the Department, and they will be encouraged to interact with members of the department in venues including the state-of-the-art Fred Dunnebier Collaboratorium.

Distinguished Visitors will receive an honorarium of up to $5,000 (depending on duration of visit) and will be hosted in our fully-equipped visitor’s office in the Pacific Ocean Science and Technology building overlooking the University campus and Manoa valley. They will receive a customized coffee/tea mug which we encourage and expect to be filled at many enjoyable discussions with colleagues and students.

Distinguished Visitors must be hosted by a member of our regular faculty, and we strongly encourage prospective applicants to discuss the particulars of a visit with their host before applying. They should complete the application form at least 5 months before the expected date of arrival, providing host, start date, duration, degree of flexibility of the dates, a short description of research to be conducted, and a preliminary topic for the Department Colloquium. The form must be signed by the prospective host and submitted with a CV to: earth-dept@soest.hawaii.edu

The Pacific Ocean Science and Technology Building, home of the Dept. of Earth Sciences
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Information for prospective hosts:

- Applications will be reviewed by the Faculty Success Committee, which will make recommendations to the Department Chair, who selects visitors. The review is rolling, but is likely to occur at appropriate times of the year (March, August, and December).
- Candidates will be evaluated based on (1) evidence that the visitor will interact with a wide range of faculty and students in the department; (2) relevance of proposed research and activities to department interests and goals; (3) overall scientific standing.
- The host is responsible for arranging the research seminar.
- The Department will arrange a University visitor ID card and internet and library access. Other logistical support is up to the host.
- Visitors staying longer than six months may have to arrange office space with the host.
- The Department will support up to two visitors per year. If your visitor is not selected, we still encourage them to come, and there may be a desk in the visitor’s office for them (Distinguished Visitors have priority).
- After you host a Distinguished Visitor you will move to the bottom of the list of possible future hosts.
- You must sign and date the application form as a prospective host.
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DISTINGUISHED VISITOR PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Name __________________ Position __________________ Institution/University____________

Proposed host ____________________________

Range of dates for start of visit ________________

Acceptable range in duration of visit (three month minimum) ________________

Brief description of proposed research and other activities during the visit:

Preliminary title for a Department Colloquium________________________

Please include a CV and submit to:  earth-dept@soest.hawaii.edu

Host statement: I, ___________________, understand and agree to the guidelines and expectations of the Distinguished Visitors Program.

Signature_______________________________  Date___________